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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to evidence-based maternal and infant home
2 visiting services.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HOME VISITING
2 SERVICES. The department of health and human services shall
3 engage in a cross-agency collaboration with the department
4 of education to identify and leverage funding sources and
5 opportunities, including Medicaid, to expand evidence-based
6 home visiting services for women and infants that promote
7 healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and healthy
8 infant growth and development. The departments shall involve
9 key stakeholders in designing an evidence-based home visiting
10 services approach for the state that maximizes the coordination
11 and integration of programs and funding streams, reduces
12 duplication of efforts, and ensures that the services provided
13 meet federal evidence-based criteria. The approach shall
14 ensure that evidence-based home visiting services shall be
15 available to women prenatally, throughout the pregnancy, and
16 postpartum, and shall include mental and physical health,
17 social, educational, and other services and interventions based
18 upon the risk factors and needs identified. The departments
19 may conduct a feasibility study to consider the various
20 options available to increase Medicaid coverage and funding of
21 evidence-based home visiting services, either through a state
22 plan amendment or waiver. The department of health and human
23 services shall seek federal approval of any Medicaid state plan
24 amendment or waiver necessary to administer this section.

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EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill requires the department of health and human
29 services to engage in a cross-agency collaboration with the
30 department of education to identify and leverage funding
31 sources and opportunities, including Medicaid, to expand
32 evidence-based home visiting services for women and infants
33 that promote healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes,
34 and healthy infant growth and development. The departments
35 shall involve key stakeholders in designing an evidence-based

1 home visiting services approach for the state. Evidence-based
2 home visiting services shall be available to women prenatally,
3 throughout the pregnancy, and postpartum, and shall include
4 mental and physical health, social, educational, and other
5 services and interventions based upon the risk factors and
6 needs identified. The departments may conduct a feasibility
7 study to consider the various options available to increase
8 Medicaid coverage and funding of evidence-based home visiting
9 services, either through a state plan amendment or waiver. The
10 department of health and human services shall seek federal
11 approval of any Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver
12 necessary to administer the bill.